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JLA #122 was a bolt from the blue!!

Way back in the now classic ADVEN-TURES TO ASTONISH #76. Mariner was stripped of the serpent crown—and thus the only clue to his long-lost homeland of Atlantis—it made sense that he zealously protect the very seas that hide his

eldorado. Any inch of ocean might hold the key to his quest, so don't mess with the wing-foot wonder. But to see him now portrayed as an eco-terrorist who would destroy an oil tanker for revenge is mind-boggling! And to see half of his former teammates turned against him while the others are accused of complicity—! Say it ain't so!

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When the mutant members of the JLA decided they couldn't stand by and see Amalgam's first mutant railroaded and crashed the trial to save him, you could have knocked me over with a feather from Angelhawk's pinions! That last page has to be the most shocking climax ever!

For more than the obvious reasons, I smell a fish. Obviously, the Anxious Mariner has been set up, but by who? If you remember back to that aforementioned ADVENTURES TO ASTONISH issue, it was a Sentinel who stripped our waterlogged hero of the Serpent-Crown during the battle for Dinosaur Island, It hasn't been mentioned lately, but that has to mean that the everbitter Will Magnus is somewhere in the picture. Is he the mysterious silhouetted figure we see cackling at the TV arrest footage on page 8? Let me be the first to mention him as a candidate.

And speaking of mysterious guys, what's the deal with this Mr. X? For years over in SLEUTH COMICS, he's been shown to be a ruthless power broker and master crook, but now he's the mutant's benefactor? Something weird has got to be up with this creep!

Suffice it to say I can't stand waiting another second for JLX to premiere and answer these burning questions. So hurry up, already!

Gary Littleton Parker Center, NY

Well, Gar, you're holding JLX in your hands now. And we've answered most of your questions. Is this service, or what?!

Keep reading, partner, the Amalgam-Nation is taking over!



Gents,

You have some X-plaining to do.

For years the great debate at my comic shop was whether Apollo and Co. should X-size themselves from the JLA. There were enough dangling plot threads for the mutant members of the World's Mightiest

JLX-PRESS

BRIAN'S BOOM BOX

Sure, this is the first issue of our mighty mutants in their own title, but this scintillating storyline has been cooking for months over in the superhot pages of JUDGMENT LEAGUE AVENGERS. So what follows is a sampling of your megacool missives on the "Trial of Mariner" epic. Read on, Distinctive Ones!

Heroes to warrant their own adventures. Finally, I could stop holding my breath! I'd heard over the Internet that the JLX was making its way to the racks. Words can't express the great X-pectations I have for this book.

From the "getting carried away with enthusiasm" department:

 Will Lord Nimrod and his X-tremists return to reveal the final secret of Firebird's origin? Is she from an alternative future, or was he just pulling our leg?

Now that she's been dumped by the JLA, will Runaway rejoin the Brotherhood of Injustice and her mother Ms. Tique?

3) When the rebel Skrull were driven from Mars by the Kree, one lone survivor fled to Earth, Any chance he could be the missing link to mutantkind's origin?

 With her falling out with Super-Soldier, will Amazon lead the JLX?

5) How about guest appearances by Sunstorm, Spiderboy, Metamimic, Extreme Works and Speed Demon?

6) Can I get an advance copy?

Vincent Thomkins Belvedere, Ont.

Numbered questions, we LOVE numbered questions!

 Sooner than later, count on it, Vince! Firebird won't wait for those secrets and neither will we!

2) No, she's with JLX to stay, but what Ms. Tique and her evil mutants will do about that will be seen in issue #6!

If you've read this very issue, you know the answer. Good spotting!

 Amazon has her own problems currently, but she does guest-star here in our fourth issue.

5) Sunstorm IS a mutant, so his dropping by seems a foregone conclusion.

Spiderboy isn't on the guest list any time soon, but watch for his flyby in an upcoming FANTASTIC LEGION!
Speed Demon and Mercury have a reckoning coming in the very near future. Metamimic may already be here. How would we know for sure? And you gotta know that Extreme

Works won't let the X-ers remain unchallenged for the title of Amalgam's most radical heroes for very long.

6) Hey, they won't even give ME advance copies!

You ask-we answer!



Hey, Leaguers,

Mariner's return to greatness in the pages of JLA has been the greatest comeback since Dark Claw shook off his paralysis and took the evil Warlord Gh'ul out of the picture once and for all! I'm sure that the Son of the Seas' creator. Everett Williams, must be smiling down on all of you great artists and writers.

As a fan of more than forty years of comics reading. I'm always glad to see the "older" heroes get a chance at new life, especially when they're this well handled. I love what you're doing with Mariner AND with all of the younger heroes as well. They can stand to learn from his leadership in the same way that you guys obviously have from the classic greats of this business like Williams, Stan Schwartz and "King" Kurtzberg! Now, if only someone could give the long underrated Thunder Man a similar makeover!

Keep up the great work and I'll be with you for another forty years!

Earl Jarmon Santa Marta, CA

We'll keep producing 'em if you keep reading 'em, Earl; consider it a deal. Thanks for the years of support!

As for the fate of the mighty Thunder Man, check out the pages of BRUCE WAYNE, AGENT OF S.H.I.E.L.D. in the very near future for a most surprising and, we think, pleasing answer to your wish.

NEXT: With Apollo gone missing, it's the worst time for Thanoseid to attack, so you'd better believe that's when the blackhearted baddle chooses to make his move! And when Magneto and his Magnetic friends drop by, will it be as friends or foes? Don't miss this startling second ish!



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